

REMARKS

The Examiner's Action mailed on July 24, 2006, has been received and its contents carefully considered.

In this Amendment, Applicants have amended the title of the invention, canceled claims 2, 4 and 8, and amended claims 1, 3, 6, 7, 9 and 10. Claims 1 and 5 are the independent claims. For at least the following reasons, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance.

The Examiner has objected to the title of the invention as not being descriptive. In response, the title has been amended in the manner proposed by the Examiner's Action. It is submitted that this title complies with all official guidelines, and it is requested that this objection be withdrawn.

The Examiner has objected to claims 2-4 and 6-10 for various informalities. In response, the pending claims have been editorially amended, taking the Examiner's comments into consideration. It is requested that these objections be withdrawn.

The Examiner has also objected to claims 4 and 8 as being substantial duplicates of claims 1 and 5. Because these claims have been canceled, these objections have been rendered moot.

It is noted with great appreciation that the Examiner considers the subject matter of dependent claim 2 as being allowable over the art of record. In response, independent claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 2, thus placing independent claim 1, and the claims dependent

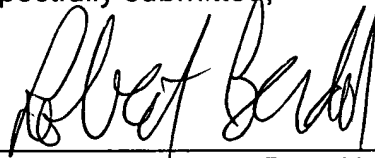
therefrom, in *prima facie* condition for allowance, by rendering all of the Examiner's prior art rejections moot.

It is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. Such action and the passing of this case to issue are requested.

Should the Examiner feel that a conference would help to expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned counsel to arrange for such an interview.

Should any fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 18-0002, and advise us accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,



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